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PLATE IV. Fig. 1. *Pandorina coruscans*, Scac., a small specimen, lying upon the left, more strongly vaulted, shell.

Fig. 2. The same lying on the ventral side in order to show the *area* and *lunula*.

Fig. 3. The same opened and twice magnified.

a. The little bone in the ligament.

b. The cavity into which the bone fits.

c. The external ligament.

Fig. 4. The animal of *Pandorina* after a drawing of Sr. Scacchi.

Fig. 5. A shell of *Pandora rostrata* for comparison.

a. An external ligament?

b. The internal ligament.

c. The hinge tooth.

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The colour of the animal was a dark purplish-red; the antennæ, tail, and legs pale red; the fore margin of the cephalic appendage colourless.

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Fig. 12. Pellidum purpureum mihi, natural size.

Fig. 13. The same lying on its belly, magnified sixty times.

a. The mandibles.

b. The foot jaw?

c. A foot of the first pair.

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